

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION1516 NINTH STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5512**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF THE
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE NUEVA AZALEA POWER PLANT PROJECT
00-AFC-3**

The California Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts and engineering aspects of proposed power plants and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines, natural gas pipelines and water pipelines. The Energy Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

On March 8, 2000, EM-One Power Station, Limited Liability Company (the applicant) filed an Application for Certification (AFC) for the Nueva Azalea Power Plant Project. EM-One Power Station is jointly owned by Sunlaw Energy Corporation and Sunlaw Energy Partners I, LP. The Energy Commission staff has begun reviewing the AFC for data adequacy. The Energy Commission's Executive Director is required to publish a data adequacy recommendation within 30 days from the date of filing. The Energy Commission is required to act on the Executive Director's recommendation within 45 days of receipt of the AFC. The Energy Commission will consider the issue of data adequacy at the business meeting on April 26, 2000. If the Energy Commission decides that the application is complete, we will begin the data discovery and analysis phases. These phases will include a number of public workshops and hearings. We will be scheduling an Informational Hearing and site visit in late May or early June 2000. The Energy Commission's overall review process will be completed within 12 months of the AFC's being deemed data adequate.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Nueva Azalea Power Plant Project will be a nominal 550-megawatt (MW), natural gas-fired combined cycle power plant. The applicant intends to locate the project on a 13.5-acre site in the City of South Gate at the eastern edge of the city limits. The site is bound by Southern Avenue on the north, East Frontage Road of the 710 Interstate Freeway on the west, Garfield Avenue and Miller Way on the east, and other developed industrial properties on portions of the south, east and west.

The main power facilities for the project will contain two power islands, an electrical switchyard, administrative buildings, chemical storage areas, cooling towers and other support facilities. Natural gas will be supplied to the project via a new pipeline of approximately one (1) mile in length. The water supply source for the plant cooling towers will be from an existing reclaimed water supply. The water supply source necessary for the electric generating cycle (steam) will be purchased from the City of South Gate and will use approximately 2.5 percent of the total volume of potable water used each year in the City of South Gate. The Applicant has identified eight transmission options with the preferred alternative requiring approximately 1000 feet of new 230 Kilovolt transmission lines to be built to interconnect the project at the Southern California Edison substation.

The project is estimated to have a capital cost of approximately \$256 million. The applicant plans to complete construction and start operation of the combined cycle unit in the second quarter of 2003. During construction, up to approximately 391 construction jobs will be created over the 20-month construction schedule. A permanent professional workforce of approximately 33 people will operate the plant.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The purpose of the AFC process is to enable the Energy Commission to assess the project's impact on environmental quality, electrical system reliability, public health, and safety. During the 12- month period (after data adequacy has been achieved), the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings to determine whether the project should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions. These workshops will provide to members of the public, as well as representatives of local, state, and federal agencies, the opportunity to ask questions and provide input about the proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings, normally 14 days prior, but in no case later than 10 days prior to the meeting. If you are not currently receiving these notices and want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Pat Owen, Project Secretary, at (916) 653-4677 or email powen@energy.state.ca.us.

If you want information on how you can participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact Ms. Roberta Mendonca, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228; or by e-mail at pao@energy.state.ca.us. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to James W. Reede, Jr., Siting Project Manager, in the Energy Facilities Siting and Environmental Protection Division, at (916) 653-1245, or by e-mail at jreede@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the project, copies of notices and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/nuevaazalea. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989.

This notice of receipt has been mailed to all parties that have requested to be placed on the mailing list during prefilings and to property owners located adjacent to the project site or any of the project-related facilities. By being on the mailing list, you will receive notices of all project-related activities and notices when documents related to the project's evaluation are available for review. If you want your name removed from the mailing list, please contact Pat Owen, Project Secretary, at (916) 653-4677.

AVAILABILITY OF THE AFC DOCUMENT

Copies of the AFC document are available for public inspection at:

Hollydale Main Library
12000 Garfield Avenue
South Gate, CA 90280

Downey City Library
11121 Brookshire Avenue
Downey, CA 90241

Leland R. Weaver Library
4035 Tweedy Boulevard
South Gate, CA 90280

Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Fresno, and Eureka. In addition, copies will be distributed to those public agencies, which would normally have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

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